

other and madly in love. Together, they raised eight wonderful children, who have blessed them with 17 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren, with two more great-grandchildren on the way.

Mr. Speaker, today I have the privilege of recognizing Mary Bustillo Donohue for her extraordinary work as an educator and a lifetime of devotion to helping others. Mary is an inspiration to all who meet her, and I cannot thank her enough for all that she has done for so many and that she continues to do.

RECOGNIZING SENIOR AIRMAN
MARK ANDREW FORESTER

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 13, 2011

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to recognize a fallen hero, Senior Airman Mark Andrew Forester, from my hometown of Haleyville, Alabama.

Mark was killed in action on September 29, 2010, while so valiantly trying to rescue a wounded comrade, SGT 1st Class Calvin Harris; Mark ran into direct enemy fire, without regard of his own life, in an attempt to pull his comrade back to safety. Both died on that day, and only earlier on that morning they had taken a beautiful photo together.

Mark was a highly decorated Airman who gave that last full measure of devotion and received many honors, such as Purple Hearts and a Bronze Star with Valor. He was so very loved by all of the men in his unit, and his beautiful family.

This coming Saturday, May 14, marks what would have been his 30th birthday. In recognition of that occasion I ask that a tribute to Mark be inserted in the RECORD, written by Bert Caswell, at the behest of Mark's fellow airman George Earhart who was in battle with him on that day. Airman Earhart was inspired by Mark, that Mark was the greatest person he has ever met, and was greatly impacted by his love of all the children in theater.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Mark and his family, as they continue to mourn his loss.

DEVOUT

All In . . .
All in this our Country of Tis of Thee . . .
There are such brave hearts, such magnificent souls such men as these!
Such Strong Bold Men, who all in Strength In Honor do so believe!
Freedom Fighters who so live and die . . .
All with their most sacred battle cries!
Who are all so Devout!
All in and out, as all in their most magnificent hues!
As they all so stand so very strong, all for that old Red, White, and Blue!
And all, with families who but live so close!
As on each new morning, their love but means the most!
Who now must so live all in such pain, and in such heartache to remain . . .
As their most swollen tears upon their face fall like the rains . . .
As were you Mark, so Devout! A man for all seasons, all throughout!
As God, Country, and Family . . . were, but what you were so really all about!
And, ah yes you were but our Father's Son . . .
As why now, from up in Heaven his tears for your selflessness so run . . .

All because of your most sacred gift, your most precious life as was all of this . . .

As why Mark, you were so Devout!

As a hero who so marched off to war . . . All for God and Country, as was your burden bore!

And oh what a magnificent shadow, you'd so cast . . .

So striking there, all in uniform as now etched upon our hearts to last!

With that Bama hat upon your head, as your most brilliant smile to all so said . . .

So said, that was a smile that could have launched a thousand ships . . .

As why when we so see your picture, oh how the pain it gives!

For you were a lover of life, all in your most sacred path so bright!

And all of those children that you've so touched, and made laugh on those nights . . .

All in the midst of dark evil war, as to them your warmth and love meant so much more!

Bringing, such smiles to all of their faces . . . now carried within their hearts in all places!

As, such a magnificent warrior who so lived and died . . . by these words of pride!

Strength in Honor, as why on this morning we now so cry . . .

As we found out all about your actions the day you died!

Devout!

Shining, so brightly . . . Airman Forester, within and out!

So Brilliant . . . So Brilliant . . . as was your life no doubt!

A beacon of hope, for all of mankind as was your true amount!

Showing us all to what new heights a soul can climb!

All in your glory, and such selflessness we now so find!

Honor, Duty, Country, God, and Family . . .

As it was you Mark, who so ran into that face of hell!

But, to save your Brother In Arms Calvin . . . as we will all remember well!

Because all in that moment of truth, as your most noble heart gave us all the proof . . .

That, you were so Devout!

As you had done so many times before!

All for what was real! And what is true! As why on this day, our hearts so break for you . . .

As why all our tears so flow, whenever we so think of you so! And how you were, so Devout . . .

And thinking of all of your love ones, pain so now . . .

And all of your Brothers In Arms, who now with you must now so live without!

For in your lifetime Mark, you so soared!

High above, as an Eagle . . . as an Airman, In The United States Air Force!

As all across Alabama this night . . .

As you lay your head down to rest, and all of those tears you must fight . . .

And to their families, who now so live without . . .

Take comfort, all in those souls that Mark has so blessed!

As comes a gentle rain, as our Lord's tears wash down upon you to ease your pain . . .

And upon you will remain, until up in Heaven you all meet once again . . .

And you won't have to cry anymore . . .

For Mark is but an Angel in flight, to watch over us all this night!

All in the Army of our Lord, to turn the darkness into the light!

Who, are Devout!

A TRIBUTE TO AMERICAN LEGION
AUXILIARY UNIT 278

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 13, 2011

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 278 of Osage, Iowa. The Unit has created a program entitled "Merit Awards" in which the unit awards the amount of \$300 to each successful applicant graduating with the senior class of Osage Community School District. Unit 278 is devoted to assisting students in their pursuit of higher education and I am honored to submit for the record the following commentary on the program in Osage.

"American Legion Auxiliary Unit 278 and the Merit Award Program:

The Osage American Legion Auxiliary Unit 278 is very much attuned to the importance of education and financial needs of students in attending post high school institutions of learning. Our unit had developed a process called "Merit Awards" whereby we raise monies to be used for the student applicants in furthering their education.

Each year we hold an event (Merit Award luncheon and bake sale) for the community. Proceeds from the event are used entirely for Merit Awards. All food for the event is donated by members and prepared at the site. In addition, members are asked to either donate items for the bake sale or contribute \$5.00 in lieu of a baked donation. Our unit boasts 378 members, 35 of whom are Junior members. One of the highlights of this event is a drawing for an American flag and flag pole which is installed by the Legion free of charge to the winner.

Each year applications are made available to the Osage School district for graduating seniors. Our unit has a committee to review applications and determine the successful applicants. This year we had 10 applicants with a Merit Award in the amount for \$300. Two of those awards will be made by contributions from two families, one honoring one of our auxiliary members and the other in memory of one of our deceased members.

Presentation of these Merit Awards is made by a member of our unit at the Osage High School Award Assembly in May. Unit 278 takes great pride in our efforts to communicate to students the importance of education and throughout the year we participate in activities involved in education."

Mr. Speaker, as you can see the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 278 is a great example of the commitment of patriotic Americans to their community. I am honored to represent them and all of Osage in the U.S. Congress. I know all my colleagues will join me in congratulating them for a job well done.

GEORGE WASHINGTON BOY'S SWIM
TEAM

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 13, 2011

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the George Washington Patriots